

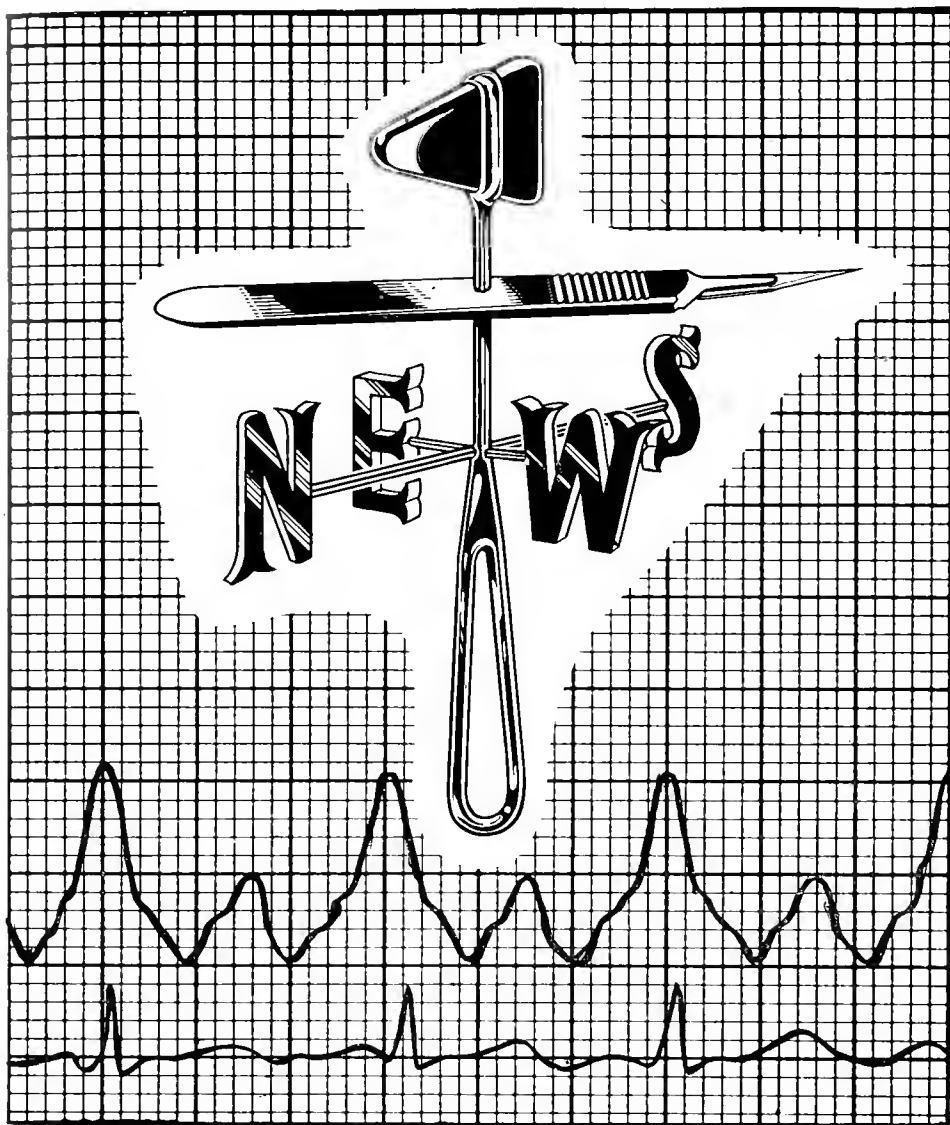
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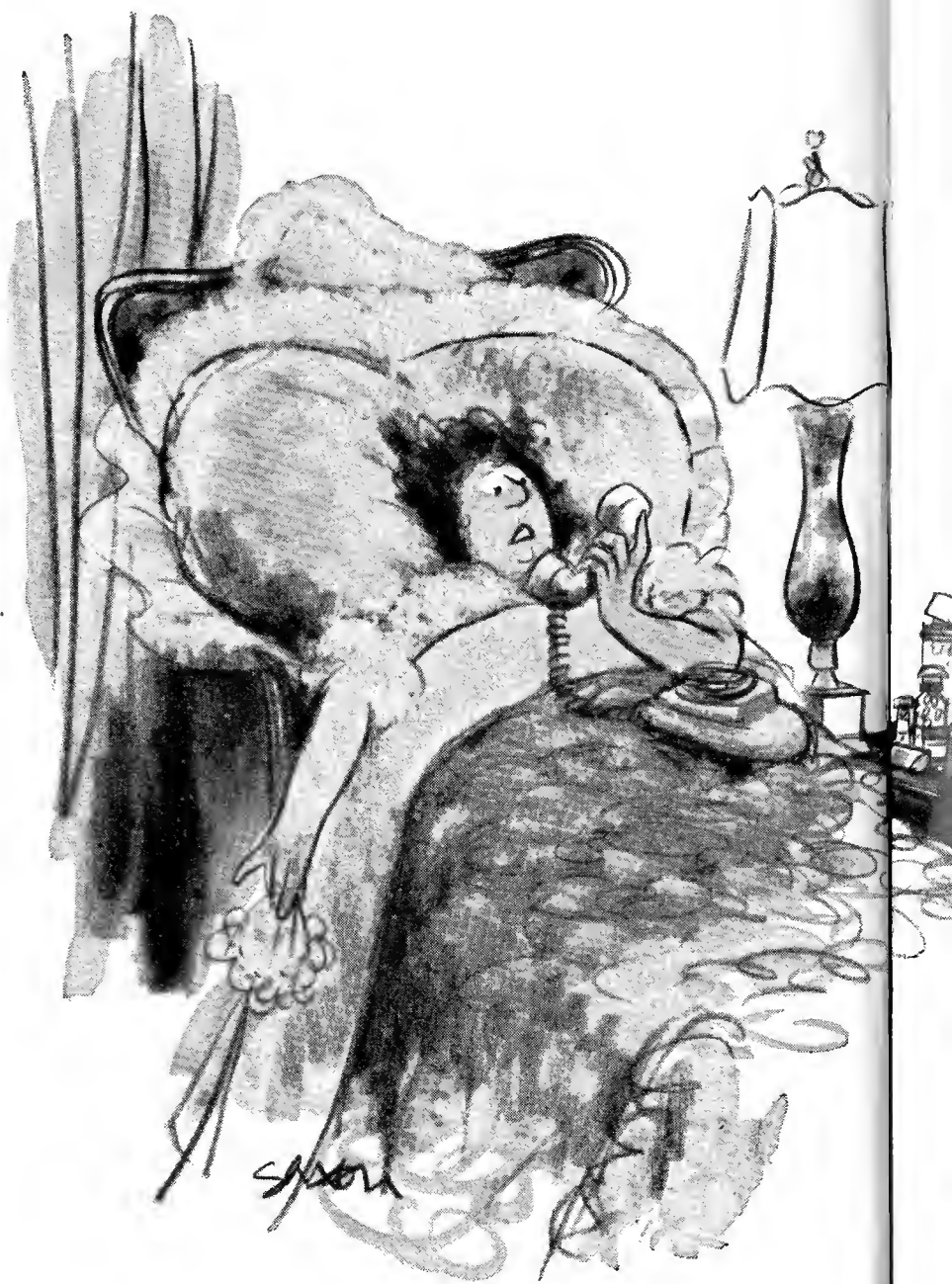
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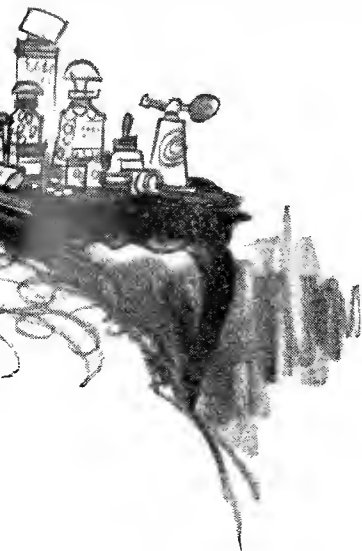
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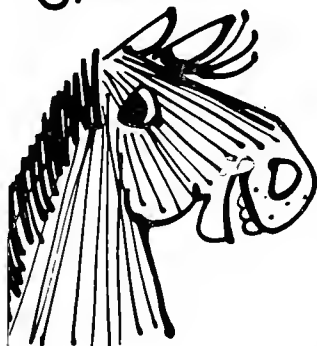
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REGULAR MEETINGS

MAHONING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Tues. Sept. 20: Speaker—Rev. Dr. Paul B. McCleave, Dir.,
AMA Dept. of Medicine and Religion

Tues. Oct. 18: Business Meeting

Tues. Nov. 15: Nomination of Officers

Tues. Dec. 20: Annual Meeting—Election of Officers

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thur. Oct. 13—Sat. Oct. 15: Parke Davis Tour, Detroit

Wed. Oct. 19: Sixth District Postgraduate Day, Akron

Thur. Nov. 10: Combined meeting dentists and physicians.
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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, September 20, 1966

MURAL ROOM

SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Paul B. McCleave, Dir., AMA Dept. of
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6:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner (\$3.50)

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In spite of public desire for this type of physician, in spite of an increasing number of areas without any medical service, and in spite of the attrition of those existing men, medical educators and hospitals are discouraging this field of medicine. The G.P. is to become extinct. Suburban areas will soon have no immediate medical service.

"All chiefs and no indians" will certainly be the situation unless those responsible give some serious thought to this problem. Will the "Ivory Tower" destroy the doctor of the people?

—F. A. Resch, M.D.
President

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Editorial

MEETINGS

September will start another season for conducting the business of the Mahoning County Medical Society. I would like to take this opportunity to urge each and every member of the Society to attend as many meetings as he possibly can.

It seems we can always find the time to do what we have to do. I believe this has been particularly illustrated recently by the fact that the hospitals make attendance at meetings compulsory and therefore the attendance is improved.

Of all the organizations that physicians belong to, I believe that the County Medical Society is the one that can be best described as having the care and feeding of the physicians as its primary interest. Since we have many mutual problems to solve in the year ahead, I believe it behooves us to take advantage of the one organization that is looking out for our interest.

The program committee is offering a good program. The dinners are always good. This is a chance to meet 300 of your fellow physicians and exchange views. One night per month in the coming season, invested in better medicine for Mahoning County, is a small price. I urge you to mark your calendar and attend regularly.

—Robert L. Jenkins, Jr., M.D.
Editor

REV. McCLEAVE IS NEXT SPEAKER

Speaker at the Sept. 20th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society will be Rev. Paul B. McCleave, LL.D., Director of the Department of Medicine and Religion for the American Medical Association.

Physicians are urged to bring their clergymen to this meeting. Dinner reservations may be made at the Medical Society office. Cost of dinner is \$3.50.

The meeting will be held at the Mural Room, with a social hour at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30, and the meeting at 7:30. At a similar meeting in 1964, Arne Larson, Assistant Director of the Department of Medicine and Religion was the principal speaker.

DR. RUMMELL HONORED

Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Rummell were honored by the Medical Staff of the Youngstown Hospital Association at a reception on July 29th. Dr. Rummell was presented a plaque, which read:

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To . . . Dr. Russ Rummell, we say, "Thank you for a job well done."

Sincerely,

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In addition, Dr. and Mrs. Rummell received a silver tray and an eight place service of Lennox China. The tray is enscribed:

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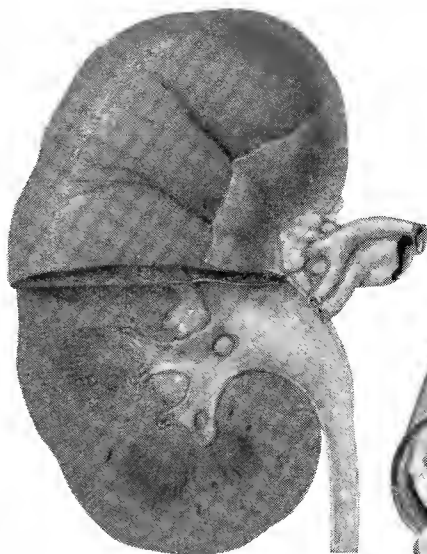
Members of the committee were: Dr. and Mrs. P. L. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. G. E. DeCicco, Dr. and Mrs. M. S. Rosenblum, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Shorten, and Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Warnock.

MCMS IN SCIENCE FORUM

At the invitation of the Industrial Information Institute, the Mahoning County Medical Society will participate in one of two Science Forums to be held by that organization.

A Forum on Medicine is planned for Monday, Feb. 6, at Boardman High School. Outstanding science students from the tri-county area will be guests. The first Forum will be held in October on the subject of Computers. The Forums are staged annually by the Science Advisory Committee of the Industrial Information Institute.

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MEDICARE MUSINGS

"Resolved: That, separate billing by the physician for his professional services is a preferred ethical practice, it shall be deemed unethical for a physician to displace a hospital base physician who is attempting to practice separate billing when said displacement is primarily designed to circumvent separate billing."

This important change in the code of medical ethics, passed by the House of Delegates at the recent AMA meeting, has far reaching effects for all physicians. This resolution (The Oregon Resolution) was passed so as to protect the hospital based specialist if he wishes to practice direct billing of his patients. Since direct billing had been encouraged by the AMA, the House of Delegates felt very strongly that hospital based specialists (pathologists, radiologists, anesthesiologists, and physical medicine) should have the same rights and privileges of all other physicians.

The great majority of physicians wish to deal directly with their patients rather than being employees of the hospital. There are, in some areas, a few physicians who for financial and other reasons wish to continue to be salaried employees of the hospital. The Oregon Resolution makes it unethical for them to displace other physicians who wish to bill their patients directly.

Since direct billing is legal under the Medicare Act and since direct billing is urged as an ethical procedure by the American Medical Association and its component State Medical Associations, it should give added strength to those hospital based physicians who wish to be treated like a private practitioner rather than a salaried employee.

—Jack Schreiber, M.D.

DR. DUNLEA IS PAROCHIAL PHYSICIAN

Dr. Fred Dunlea has been appointed to the post of parochial school physician by the Youngstown Board of Health. Dr. Dunlea was selected from among four applicants for the position. Applications were made through the Mahoning County Medical Society office.

Dr. Dunlea succeeds Dr. N. J. Garritano, who resigned after three years due to the press of private practice.

POSTGRADUATE DAY IS OCT. 19

The annual Postgraduate Day of the Sixth Councilor District will be held in Akron, on Wednesday, Oct. 19th. Summit County Medical Society will be host.

Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend the all-day affair. Take your wife, who will enjoy the Auxiliary meeting, and plan to attend the banquet. Watch the mail for more information direct from the Summit County Medical Society, and send back your reservation early. It will help the Summit County physicians with their meeting.

AMA-ERF CONTRIBUTIONS

The American Medical Association and the Woman's Auxiliary to the Mahoning County Medical Society wish to remind the doctors to make their annual contributions to their medical schools through the Auxiliary.

Checks should be made payable to the "AMA-ERF Auxiliary Fund," and mailed to the Medical Society office, where they will be forwarded to the medical schools. The name of the school should be designated on the lower left hand corner of the check.

S. Q. LAYPIUS OBSERVES:

Doctors are doing a lot of screaming about Medicare and so far there has been not one casualty. How would you like to be a G.I. at Da Nang with both Vietnam and Viet Cong shooting at you, or a white policeman in the Watts district of Los Angeles, or Dr. Goddard at the Pharmaceutical Convention?

The big difference between government Medicare and private insurance is the profit motive. If you are lame, halt or blind Medicare will welcome you. But if you are diabetic, glaucomic, arthritic or hypertensive, no private insurance company wants you.

Government should do for the people what they cannot do for themselves. In order for the government to take over medical care and sickness insurance it has to show that private enterprise has failed. With modern propaganda technique and plenty of money, that is not difficult to do.

Government propaganda has been directed against the medical profession since New Deal days in 1932. It took 34 years to wear us down.

When government takes over medical care the situation will be reversed. Then we can point out the bungling inequities and inefficiency of socialistic medicine. Of course, the government will blame those on failure of the medical profession to cooperate.

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Fifty years ago, Gypsy Lane was a narrow, one track farm lane running from the Logan Road up through the Stambaugh Farm. The farm house stood about where the golf clubhouse is now. That is as far as the lane went. This writer used to drive his 1912 Hupmobile up there to buy eggs at twenty-five cents a dozen.

It was called Gypsy Lane because that was a favorite place for gypsies to camp when they came through here in the spring. Gypsy Caravans and encampments were a common sight those days. The Stambaugh farm was away out in the country in Trumbull County and nobody bothered the gypsies. They came and were gone like the circus which they often followed.

Now it is a broad street with heavy traffic. The old Stambaugh farm was deeded to the city for a golf course. The doctors in their modern offices near the Youngstown Hospital should know that Gypsy Lane is not just a fancy name but one endowed by tradition. It is an old land mark.

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A four letter word that is revolting to young people today is WORK.

I like Reader's Digest. The articles are short and meaty. It exposes some of the graft, corruption and waste of our government. I wish more people would read it. I wish more people would read: the newspaper, the news-magazine, anything. In depth.

Men glance at the front page, then turn to sports. Some look at the stock market. Women read the society page and Anne Landers.

On Sunday, everybody reads the letters to the Editor. I do too and often have the urge to write a stirring message. But I am given pause when I think of the cranks who disagree and will ring my phone at all hours to shout obscenities.

So I write for the Bulletin. You are my captive audience. If you disagree with my opinions, don't call me. Write an article for the Bulletin.

There is a movement on foot sponsored by some old hard heads to make attendance at the Society meetings Compulsory. Nobody is going to take away my membership just because I never take any interest or serve on committees or even come to the meetings. Everybody knows that the Society is run by a clique of devoted officers and committees. Let them do the work. I pay my money and get the benefits. Why not?

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Dr. Elsa Shapira and son Danny and guest returned from a scenic trip along the east coast and Bangor, Maine. Ten years ago Dr. Shapira left that area to practice in Youngstown. The occasion of the visit was to celebrate Danny's birthday. Fourteen years ago, Danny was born in Bangor. They enjoyed the visit and a reunion with many friends.

Dr. S. D. Goldberg has been elected president of the Jewish Federation of Youngstown. The Federation was founded in 1935 and sponsors the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Family and Children's Service, Jewish Community Relations Council and Heritage Manor, Jewish home for the aged.

At the National Coroners Convention, held at Miami Beach, Dr. David A. Belinky was elected chairman of the advisory board of the National Coroners Association.

The newly appointed chief justice of the Dominican Republic, Atty. Manuel Ruiz-Tejada, is the father of Dr. Juan A. Ruiz. The appointment was made by President Joaquin Balaguer. Dr. Ruiz' father had previously been secretary of education, and taught at the University of Santo Domingo.

Dr. Sidney Franklin recently attended a three day course on the "Prevention and Control of Infections in Health Care Facilities" given by the Ohio Department of Health in Columbus. Immediately following this course, he attended annual sessions of the American College of Legal Medicine in Chicago, at which he gave the annual report of the Educational Committee and was re-elected a Director. His wife, Mildred, accompanied him.

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AUTOMOBILE SAFETY

Editors Note:

Dr. David Brown sent us this letter back in March, in relation to automobile safety. We felt that it was such a good letter we did not want it to get lost, in the hullabaloo that was going on at that time. We believe that his plan is a good one, and it might be something that the County Society could consider. In August, a psychiatrist from the University of Cincinnati suggested a similar type plan.

March 22, 1966

Robert Jenkins, M.D.

Editor The Mahoning County Medical Society Bulletin

Dear Bob:

I read with interest your editorial in the February issue of the Bulletin, concerning traffic safety, and have been thinking about it since. I've also read innumerable lines of print concerning this subject in newspapers, magazines and other national publications. Naturally, we as physicians are interested in any facet of living, where death and morbidity are involved. Who can find fault with any idea that might help the appalling situation?

If all of us concerned, medical, law enforcement, government officials and lay persons are truly interested in decreasing the carnage, no stone should be left unturned in combating the problem. One thought occurred to me about such a facet, I have not seen in print and concerns the irresponsible driver. As we all know, this is the emotionally immature driver who uses driving consciously or unconsciously, to demonstrate his rebellion to parents, authority, or society. Up to this point we have depended in the vast majority of instances on tagging or labeling these people after they have had an accident. The police may know of a small percentage of other "pre-offenders". Don't you think it would be of benefit if we could single out a lot of these people before they cause an accident? Even if physical examinations for drivers were mandatory, as you suggested, during the brief visit of an examination, how many of us physicians could spot the emotionally immature or irresponsible driver, or the alcoholic for that matter? Well, probably very few.

I believe there is one way to spot and tag them if we are not afraid of stepping on peoples toes. (And who should be when people's lives are at stake?) How many times have you, or any of us driven in traffic around town and encountered another driver who flagrantly breaks and defies the law? We see them, perhaps cuss at them, but usually do nothing about it.

I think that if the public gets mad enough, they should form a vigilante type organization, perhaps in communities such as ours who have them, through their safety councils. These groups should include physicians, men of the clergy, law enforcement people, government officials, and any other lay citizen of high integrity or interest.

As a starting example of such a group, these people should be supplied with a pad of sheets in duplicate which they can carry in their own automobiles, and which would contain a form easily and quickly filled out with such information as the license number, type of auto, and type, time, and place of violation. These would be turned into the office of the group at regular intervals, where either volunteer or paid workers would look up the name and address of the violator through the license number. A file would be started for each individual, and after either two or three of such repeated violations, (or perhaps the first one, if the group so decided), a letter would be sent stating these violations and asking the individual to drive more carefully. If further reports were received, another letter could be sent, stating that he would be visited by a police safety officer. The officer could then invite them to voluntarily attend traffic safety school. Or he might tell them that if any further violations are reported, their names and license numbers will be turned over to traffic officers who will actively be watching for these

specific offenders. I feel that in many instances, if people know they have been singled out and are being watched, they in turn will respond with more careful driving. Other ways could be devised to put teeth into such a program, but the main thing would be that many of these common irresponsible offenders would become generally known and reached, perhaps before they got into serious trouble.

Perhaps a pilot study could be started in our community, spearheaded by the physicians with a statistical study made to see if such a plan would be feasible in other communities. I know that this is not fool-proof or perfect, and a lot of loopholes might be found in it, but it is at least one other thing that could be done to help this dreadful situation.

Very truly yours,
David B. Brown, M.D.

DIAGNOSIS

Taking part in the Medical Society's "Diagnosis" radio program during the month of August were:

- Aug. 2: Anesthesia—Dr. James Fulks, Dr. Richard Richards, Dr. John McDonough.
Aug. 9: Pathology's role in Modern Medicine—Dr. Arthur Rappoport, Dr. Joseph Tandatnick, Dr. John J. McDonough.
Aug. 16: Radiologist's role in Modern Medicine—Dr. Ben Berg, Dr. Wm. Torok, Dr. John J. McDonough.
Aug. 23: Hayfever—Dr. Tony Deramo, Dr. Clyde Walter, Dr. John J. McDonough.

All programs are heard over WFMJ at 8:05 p.m. each Tuesday. They are recorded at 9:15 a.m. of the same day. Any physician interested in presenting a topic on "Diagnosis" should contact the Medical Society office or Dr. John J. McDonough chairman.

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Infant Deaths	7	1	0	0	8

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Births	107	92	109	92	400
Deaths	65	69	60	66	260
Infant Deaths	2	1	2	1	6

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

	1966		1965	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Mononucleosis	0	0	1	0
Infectious Hepatitis	0	0	2	0
Strep Throat	0	0	1	0
Viral Meningitis	1	0	1	0
Gonorrhea	7	0	18	0
Syphilis	11	0	1	0
Tuberculosis	2	1	1	1

VENEREAL DISEASES

New Cases		Male	Female	
Syphilis		0	1	
Gonorrhea		21	13	
Total Cases				35
Total (patients) Visits				129

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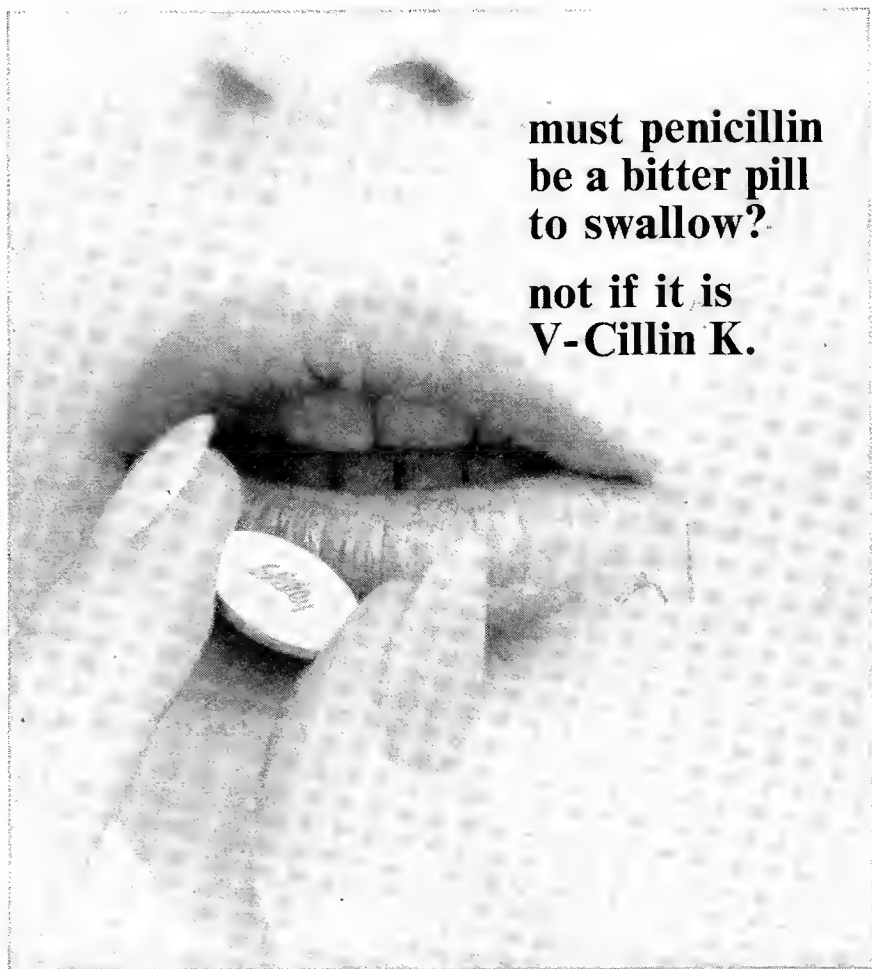
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